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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/589,642	Applicant(s) HAGG ET AL.	
	Examiner Mark Halpern	Art Unit 1791	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/27/08.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1) Applicant's election with traverse of invention I, drawn on claims 1-8, in the reply filed on 10/27/2008, is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the search is coextensive and the entire application should have been considered. This is not found persuasive. The inventions I - III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Claim 17 is either obvious over or anticipated by US 6,197,160. Accordingly, the special feature linking the inventions, a twin-wire press for dewatering of a fiber suspension, does not provide a contribution over the prior art, and no single general inventive concept exists.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 9-17 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Claim Objections

2) Claims 4-8 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form since the claims are multiple dependent. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, claims 4-8 have not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3) Claims 1-8, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-8 do not recite active method steps.

Claim 1, lines 16-17, the phrase "...for cutting of the coating to a desired level..." is not clear or definite that the action of "cutting" takes place.

Claim 1, lines 20-22, the phrase "the machining tool is brought back to the original rest position when the cutting of the coating to desired level has been achieved." is conditional and renders the claim indefinite.

Claims 1, 3-8: are not clear as to what event(s) is taking place: "machining" or "cutting" or perhaps grinding or scraping of the surface of a roll. "Machining" is recited in claims 1, 3, 5-8; "cutting" is recited in claims 1, 4.

Claim 2 recites the limitation "the machining of the coating" in lines 1-2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 3 recites the limitation "the machining of the coating" in lines 1-2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "cutting is done" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4) Claims 1-3, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Justus (3,775,241). Justus discloses a method for grinding of the surface of paper making roll to a desired contour and level as the paper roll is carrying a web in a paper machine operation (cols. 1-3 and Figures 1-2). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made, that the paper machine include a twin wire press section and the grinding of the rolls occur in the twin wire press section.

Conclusion

5) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Halpern whose telephone no. is 571-272-1190.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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